

H.R. 2414, 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act.

FEDERAL WORKPLACE—EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Employment Discrimination in the Federal Workplace, Part I. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wynn, Martinez and Hoyer; and public witnesses.

FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Concluded hearings on the Freedom from Religious Persecution Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSATLANTIC INITIATIVE: OPPORTUNITIES AND PROSPECTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Transatlantic Initiative: Opportunities and Prospects. Testimony was heard from Franklin J. Vargo, Acting Assistant Secretary, Market Access and Compliance, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

TUCKER ACT SHUFFLE RELIEF ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 992, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Loren A. Smith, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; Eleanor D. Acheson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; KING COVE HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center; H.R. 708, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, WY, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges; H.R. 1787, Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; and H.R. 1948, Hood Bay Land Exchange Act of 1997.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 2259, King Cove Health and Safety Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from John Rogers, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NEXT GENERATION INTERNET INITIATIVE

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the Next Generation Internet Initiative. Testimony was heard from John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; David J. Farber, member, Presidential Advisory Committee for High Performance Computing, Communications, Information Technology and Next Generation Internet; and public witnesses.

BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997.

CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Support System Improvements. Testimony was heard from David Gray Ross, Deputy Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services; Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Information Resources Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine the implications for farmers of the recently proposed Global Tobacco settlement, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 660, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and S. 1092, to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to review the implementation of the Commemorative Works Act (P.L. 99-652, as amended) and the administrative and public process involved in the site selection of the World War II Memorial and the recently announced Air Force Memorial, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up implementing legislation for the OECD Shipbuilding

Agreement, S. 343, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Mongolia, S. 1093, to extend non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and S. 747, to amend trade laws and related provisions to clarify the designation of normal trade relations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Timberlake Foster, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Amelia Ellen Shippy, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Nancy Jo Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, and Tom McDonald, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine the confidentiality of medical information, 10 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1728-29 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review food banks and the participation of the private sector in the delivery of food assistance, 8:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing to examine OSHA's Reinvention Project, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to continue oversight hearings on the Need for Better Focus in the Rural Health Clinic Program (RHC) Part II, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 217, recognizing the important contributions made by Americans of Austrian heritage; H. Con. Res. 139, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States Government should fully participate in EXPO 2000 in the year 2000, in Hanover, Germany, and should encourage the academic community

and the private sector in the United States to support this worthwhile undertaking; and H. Con. Res. 137, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the urgent need for an international criminal tribunal to try members of the Iraqi regime for crimes against humanity, 2 p.m., H-139 Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up the following: H.R. 872, Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1997; a measure to make technical corrections to Section of title 9, United States Code; and a measure to prohibit state taxation of Internet access, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2265, No Electronic Theft (NET) Act, and also on electronic copyright piracy, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding cellular telephone fraud, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H. Con. Res. 131, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the ocean; and to hold an oversight hearing to review the management of our Nation's fisheries by the National Marine Fisheries Service, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the effect of international forestry agreements on U.S. Forest Service decisionmaking, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing and mark up of the following measures: Bureau of Reclamation Technical Corrections Act of 1997; and Small Reclamation Water Resources Project Act; and to mark up H.R. 1400, Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project Authorization Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on preparing for El Nino, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, to mark up the Small Business Technology Transfer Program Reauthorization Act of 1997, 2 p.m. 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction and the Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, joint hearing on H.R. 96, Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up pending business, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the Administration's comprehensive review of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act; and S. 909, Secure Public Networks Act of 1997, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.